



# KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kiewa Valley Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Kiewa Valley Primary School, School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Kiewa Valley Primary School commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Kiewa Valley Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

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<b>Summer Uniform</b>	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KVPS - Summer Dress (Brunella School Wear, Wodonga)</li> <li>• Royal Blue shorts - cotton or micro-mesh</li> <li>• Sky Blue short sleeve polo shirt with school logo</li> <li>• Royal Blue skirt or netball skirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Blue shorts - cotton or micro-mesh</li> <li>• Sky Blue short sleeve polo shirt with school logo</li> </ul>
<b>Winter Uniform</b>	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Blue long pants - boot leg, cotton or track pants</li> <li>• Sky Blue long sleeve polo shirt with logo</li> <li>• KVPS - skirt or pinafore (Brunella School Wear, Wodonga)</li> <li>• Royal Blue polar fleece or windcheater</li> <li>• KVPS - bomber jacket</li> <li>• Navy tights/knee high socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Blue long pants - track pants, drill pants</li> <li>• Sky Blue long sleeve polo shirt with logo</li> <li>• Royal Blue polar fleece or windcheater</li> <li>• KVPS bomber jacket</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hats</b> A broad brimmed Royal Blue school hat must be worn from the 1<sup>st</sup> September through to the 30<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
<p><b>Shoes</b> For safety reasons students must wear sturdy footwear that protects the feet and toes. Eg. runners, sneakers, black leather school shoes, sandals that protect both toes and heels.</p>	
<p><b>Jewellery</b> Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, medical bracelets and necklaces or chains that are worn under clothing are the only acceptable jewellery.</p>	
<p><b>Hair</b> For hygiene reasons long hair is to be tied up. No extreme hair colours are permitted except for special occasions. Eg. crazy hair day</p>	

### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Kiewa Valley Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

### Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside for Term 1 and Term 4 each year. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased parents may order it directly from Beleza, Wodonga.

Kiewa Valley Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. (*insert further information such as contact, opening hours, how the school/Parents' Club will communicate opening hours if they are not set times etc.*)

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Kiewa Valley Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Kiewa Valley Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and COMPASS. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed, and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Kiewa Valley Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

### EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.
- [insert other exemptions applicable to your school]

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

### CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kiewa Valley Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available [INSERT].

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kiewa Valley Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Kiewa Valley Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Kiewa Valley Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on March 2021 and is scheduled for review in March 2022.

